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OVERSEA TRADE

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

1959/60

This bulletin shows direct trade between overseas countries and South Australia. Interstate trade and overseas trade via other States have not been included. The 1959/60 figures are preliminary and are subject to revision.

Values: The value of exports is expressed £A f.o.b. or its equivalent at port of shipment: the value of imports is "transaction value" £A. f.o.b. or "domestic value" £A f.o.b. at port of shipment, whichever is the higher.

Quantities: Quantities are tabulated only in respect of the exports for which there is an appropriate unit of quantity.

EXPORTS TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES

The United Kingdom is the principal country to which goods are exported. Exports to the United Kingdom rose from £27.1 million in 1949/50 to a peak of £55.5 million (45.1% of total exports) in 1952/53. Since then both value and proportion to total value have declined generally to £27.6 million (30.4%) in 1959/60.

Exports to other countries vary considerably from year to year, but four countries - Japan, United States of America, France and New Zealand - have received over 30% of South Australian exports in recent years. In 1959/60 the respective proportions of total exports to these countries were 12.7%, 7.8%, 7.8% and 4.3%.

TABLE 1 - VALUE OF EXPORTS TO PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Country of Consignment	1955/56	1956/57	1957/58	1958/59	1959/60
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
United Kingdom	37,801	38,851	31,254	31,474	27,633
Ceylon	3,104	1,669	377	386	858
India, Republic of	893	1,657	1,406	961	1,091
New Zealand	7,299	9,059	7,790	7,103	3,861
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	1,277	1,638	2,275	1,392	2,151
Belgium & Luxemburg	3,456	3,534	4,703	3,409	2,558
France	7,397	9,847	8,665	6,288	7,085
Germany, Federal Republic of	2,967	3,736	3,122	3,494	5,077
Italy	2,218	3,791	3,899	2,138	2,643
Japan	6,558	16,682	11,138	11,978	11,601
United States of America	10,458	16,030	9,244	7,687	7,120
TOTAL (including other)	97,665	122,924	99,882	90,916	90,826

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EXPORTS - QUANTITY.

The following table shows the quantities of selected items of exports. Values of principal commodities are shown in Table 3.

Preliminary figures show the quantity of wool exported in 1959/60 to approximate the quantities in 1958/59 and 1956/57. As shown in Table 3, the value of wool exports in 1959/60 was 18.4 per cent above the 1958/59 value but only 75.6 per cent of that for 1956/57.

The exports of barley of 13.7 million bushels were the lowest since 1951/52 whilst the export of 11.2 million bushels of wheat was the lowest since 1949/50.

Currants and raisins exports of 5.2 million lb. and 14.8 million lb. respectively, were the lowest since 1951/52

TABLE 2 - QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Principal Commodities	Unit	1955/56	1956/57	1957/58	1958/59	1959/60
<u>Foodstuffs, Alcoholic liquors, Tobacco</u>		'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Butter	lb.	2,232	2,429	968	1,039	596
Cheese	lb.	13,643	9,259	5,800	8,972	8,976
Flour (inc. Semolina)	ton	73	87	57	54	61
Fruit, Dried - Currants	lb.	8,933	5,569	8,037	8,111	5,171
Raisins	lb.	22,120	18,665	22,167	22,324	14,802
Other	lb.	2,037	1,322	1,010	2,344	4,341
Fresh - Apples	case	207	249	353	222	364
Preserved and pulped	lb.	20,419	13,826	13,099	9,543	16,745
Grain - Barley	bush.	13,912	18,709	17,592	17,683	13,705
Oats	bush.	1,529	1,845	454	2,107	18
Wheat	bush.	15,897	20,123	14,749	14,386	11,161
Meat - Lamb	lb.	17,240	13,471	16,732	21,475	12,145
Peas (inc. Split peas)	cental	219	180	68,241	171	51
Spirituuous Liquors	pf.gal.	73	106	99	94	96
Wine	gall.	1,103	1,571	1,401	1,671	1,676
<u>Animal and Vegetable Substances</u> (not Foodstuffs)						
Tallow	cwt.	112	123	142	138	147
Wool - Greasy	lb.	121,913	134,434	117,256	132,347	132,704
Other	lb.	10,743	11,525	11,256	12,781	13,035
<u>Minerals, Metals & Metal Manufactures</u>						
Minerals - Gypsum	cwt.	727	670	1,407	1,097	1,393
Concentrates and Ores -						
Copper	cwt.	74	410	309	82	425
Lead and Silver-lead	cwt.	376	716	1,025	971	826
Zinc	cwt.	4,428	4,054	5,089	3,922	3,321
Metals & Metal Manufactures -						
Iron (Pig)	cwt.	151	133	126	198	436
Iron and steel scrap	cwt.	148	318	433	516	441
Lead (Pig)	cwt.	2,863	3,218	3,260	2,847	2,395
Silver (Bars, Ingots)	fine oz.	6,086	5,615	2,894	3,276	3,201

EXPORTS - VALUE

These details are set out in two tables - the first showing values of selected items of export and the second showing values according to commodity groups.

As shown in Table 4 about 90% of the value of exports comes from the three groups Agricultural, Pastoral and Mining and the commodities with the greatest value in each group are:- Agricultural - wheat, barley and flour; Pastoral - wool, sheep-skins and meat (lamb); Mining - lead, zinc and silver.

The main variations in the value per unit of quantity of these nine commodities during the five years under review are as follows:- The average value of barley was approximately 10/- per bushel from 1955/56 to 1957/58, rose to 11/6 in 1958/59, but fell to approximately 9/- in 1959/60. Greasy wool varied between 6/7 and 4/1 per lb over the period. The average value of lead (pig) fell sharply from £6.17.0 per cwt. in 1956/57 to £4.16.0 in 1957/58 to £4.7.0 in 1958/59 and recovered slightly to £4.10.0 in 1959/60. Zinc fell sharply from 14/4 per cwt. in 1957/58 to 9/9 in 1958/59 but recovered to 13/2 in 1959/60.

TABLE 3. - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED (a) : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Principal Commodities	1955/56	1956/57	1957/58	1958/59	1959/60
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Foodstuffs, Alcoholic liquors, Tobacco					
Butter	326	315	108	160	91
Cheese	988	696	297	1,112	987
Fish (inc. Crayfish)	232	268	302	392	239
Flour (inc. Semolina)	2,065	2,453	1,748	1,682	1,684
Fruit, Dried - Currants	460	299	429	488	317
Raisins	1,154	1,061	1,410	1,601	1,065
Other	279	206	139	362	540
Fresh - Apples	346	385	594	414	557
Other	105	70	111	359	523
Juices and Syrups	49	76	68	151	81
Preserved and Pulped	1,375	954	878	599	1,001
Grain - Barley	7,035	9,268	8,591	10,202	6,126
Oats	489	554	119	642	7
Wheat	11,052	13,826	10,686	10,146	7,830
Honey	113	116	182	49	102
Meat - Lamb	1,689	1,137	1,663	2,144	895
Other	772	593	1,339	1,650	1,678
Peas (inc. Split peas)	378	410	180	341	65
Spirituuous liquors	118	162	148	126	147
Wine	655	985	906	1,073	1,182
Animal and Vegetable Substances (not Foodstuffs)					
Hides and Skins	2,283	3,287	3,831	2,511	3,841
Tallow	455	498	612	564	481
Wool - Greasy	30,506	44,220	31,260	27,233	32,301
Other	4,526	5,242	5,281	4,370	5,112
Minerals, Metals & Metal Manufactures					
Minerals -					
Gypsum	64	58	147	117	193
Concentrates and Ores -					
Copper	533	1,798	889	298	1,408
Lead and Silver-lead	1,060	2,149	3,080	2,832	2,317
Zinc	2,954	3,003	3,666	1,927	2,191
Metal and Metal Manufactures -					
Cadmium	52	133	130	83	111
Iron (pig)	178	149	155	236	454
Iron and Steel Scrap	135	376	492	372	392
Lead (pig)	19,170	22,008	15,703	12,438	10,841
Machinery and Vehicles	618	1,323	1,323	940	2,300
Silver (Bars, Ingots)	2,457	2,227	1,136	1,293	1,307
Other Metals & Metal Manufactures	792	605	573	421	670
Miscellaneous					
Paints, drugs, chemicals, plastics	41	36	155	56	94
Salt	166	142	141	133	124
All Other	1,996	1,836	1,410	1,399	1,572
TOTAL EXPORTS	97,666	122,924	99,882	90,916	90,826

(a) The values of export items include the values of outside packages (containers and crates).

TABLE 4 - VALUE OF EXPORTS - COMMODITY GROUPS : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Commodity Group	1955/56	1956/57	1957/58	1958/59	1959/60
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Agricultural etc.	21,237	26,862	21,488	23,352	16,022
Pastoral & Dairying	42,477	56,661	45,041	39,906	45,525
Orchards, Vineyards, etc.	4,502	4,112	4,615	5,124	5,284
Mining	26,986	31,853	25,124	19,341	19,042
Manufacturing & Miscellaneous	2,464	3,436	3,614	3,193	4,953
TOTAL	97,666	122,924	99,882	90,916	90,826

IMPORTS FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES

The United Kingdom is the main country supplying goods imported into South Australia. Since 1949/50 direct imports from the United Kingdom have varied between £18.5 million and £36.4 million while the proportion to total imports has fluctuated between 40.0% and 52.2%.

In 1959/60 the United Kingdom supplied 43.8% of total imports, United States 12.1%, India 2.7% and Canada 5.8%, and in each of the last six years, these countries were the source of about two-thirds of total imports.

TABLE 5 - VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Country of Origin	1955/56	1956/57	1957/58	1958/59	1959/60
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
United Kingdom	30,827	19,965	21,394	19,037	26,180
Canada	2,371	2,378	2,251	3,068	3,438
India, Republic of	3,349	3,546	3,351	2,598	1,614
Bahrein Islands	1,683	1,244	333	457	635
Germany, Federal Republic of	1,982	1,370	2,105	1,717	2,590
Indonesia	2,019	1,176	1,030	1,369	1,585
Netherlands	993	1,165	1,330	1,803	2,066
United States of America	7,332	5,560	5,496	5,203	7,243
TOTAL (including other)	62,752	45,407	47,103	45,346	59,740

IMPORTS - VALUE

Since 1949/50, the value of imports into South Australia has varied between £45 million and £65 million annually except for 1951/52, when it reached £93 million. The changes in totals have been influenced mainly by two groups of commodities:-

- (1) Metal and metal manufactures, which comprises nearly half of all imports. The most variable commodities in this group are Motor Vehicles and Iron and Steel.
- (2) Oils, Fats and Waxes. The value of direct imports of this group, which includes Petrol, Kerosene and Diesel Oil, fell steadily from £8.5 million in 1953/54 to £2.9 million in 1957/58. In 1958/59 the value of this group, imported from overseas, increased to £3.1 million and in 1959/60 to £3.6 million. The current pattern in South Australia's direct overseas imports of these items is largely the result of obtaining supplies from other Australian States in which oil refineries are located. Imports of petrol, kerosene and diesel oil from Western Australia (the only State for which figures are available) increased from £5,000 in 1953/54 to £9.1 million in 1957/58. In 1958/59 the figure was £7.6 million.

The proportions which principal items bear to total imports have not changed greatly since before the war. Apart from the variations in Oils, Fats and Waxes, one of the most marked fluctuations has occurred in the Vehicles group; the proportion having risen from 7.4 per cent in 1938/39 to 15.7 per cent in 1959/60.

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TABLE 6 - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES IMPORTED (a) : SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Principal Commodities	1955/56	1956/57	1957/58	1958/59	1959/60
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>Foodstuffs, Alcoholic liquors, Tobacco</u>					
Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory	128	135	139	153	136
Fish (all kinds)	362	227	356	334	497
Tea	614	747	593	773	627
Tobacco and Cigarettes	119	41	58	52	70
Whisky	52	35	43	59	68
<u>Animal and Vegetable Substances</u> (not Foodstuffs)					
Apparel and Attire	372	207	340	317	338
Bags and Sacks	2,478	2,573	2,045	2,026	1,112
Fibres - Vegetable	1,026	1,514	1,269	1,190	1,090
Paper Pulp, Paper and Board	1,838	1,694	1,712	1,616	2,346
Rubber and Rubber Goods	553	411	582	514	782
Stationery and Books	719	686	814	1,005	1,141
Textiles and Piecegoods	3,374	2,495	3,156	2,818	3,199
Timber	3,371	2,808	2,677	2,067	2,827
Yarns	177	140	139	124	140
<u>Paints, Drugs, Chemicals, Plastics</u>					
Drugs, Chemicals and Medicines	1,680	1,169	2,213	1,600	1,462
Fertilizers	521	732	714	597	635
Paints, Varnishes and Pigments	305	390	458	207	235
Plastic Materials, Fibres and Yarns	251	281	666	556	1,086
<u>Minerals, Metals and Metal Manufactures</u>					
Cutlery and Platedware	159	135	137	107	107
Electrical Appliances & Equipment	2,614	2,125	2,554	3,204	4,713
Iron and Steel	6,988	3,382	2,544	1,991	2,330
Machines and Machinery -					
Dynamo Electrical	853	630	453	542	562
Other	7,937	6,609	7,362	6,718	9,481
Non-ferrous Metals	297	263	258	211	320
Vehicles -					
Aircraft and Parts	886	485	369	300	438
Motor Vehicles and Parts	8,479	4,534	4,409	5,192	8,506
Motor Cycles, Cycles and Parts	372	218	266	215	263
Other Vehicles and Parts	1,318	241	411	182	150
Wire	790	292	162	143	214
Other Metal & Metal Manufactures	1,642	1,356	1,470	1,460	1,892
<u>Oils, Fats, Waxes</u>					
Petrol	2,747	1,734	953	1,434	1,683
Kerosene	780	878	598	496	662
Lubricating Oil (Mineral)	524	568	545	525	572
Other	1,174	865	771	658	669
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Arms, Ammunition, Explosives	76	52	85	82	123
Earthenware - Ceramic Tiles	165	68	100	102	183
Household Ware	445	318	413	376	360
Glass and Glassware	813	978	1,032	1,192	1,280
Instruments - Musical	126	35	69	61	78
Scientific	478	242	186	241	267
Jewellery and Timepieces	183	127	144	183	196
Outside Packages (a)	1,129	848	882	910	1,260
All Other	3,837	2,139	2,956	2,813	5,640
TOTAL IMPORTS	62,752	45,407	47,103	45,346	59,740

(a) The value of outside packages is recorded as a separate item.

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